

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A tool stowage device for stowing tools, said device comprising:

a container ~~serving~~ configured to receive said tools;
and

closure means complementary to said container, said closure means also being means for taking hold of the container,

~~wherein said tool stowage device being characterized in that~~ said closure means ~~comprise~~ comprises a horizontal plane portion and at least two vertical flanges, said vertical flanges ~~serving as means for taking~~ configured to take hold of the container and ~~co-operating to co-operate~~ with said plane portion to form unclipping opening means ~~that are~~ configured to be actuated by ~~pressing a pressure applied~~ on said vertical flanges as if pressing on a clothes peg, said plane portion configured to accommodate a stress deformation responsive to said pressure, said stress deformation causing said vertical flanges to rotate in response to said pressure and thereby unclip the closure means from the container and open the container.

2. (currently amended) [[A]] The tool stowage device according to claim 1, wherein said tools are drill bits, reamers, pivots, or dental implants.

3. (currently amended) [[A]] The tool stowage device according to claim 1, wherein said plane portion ~~serves as means for expelling~~ is configured to expel said container ~~during upon~~ opening the container by unclipping the closure means from the container.

4. (currently amended) [[A]] The tool stowage device according to claim 1, wherein said container ~~is provided, on~~ comprises at least an one open ~~one of its faces, face provided~~ with at least two tongues ~~serving~~ configured to slidably engage in ~~slideway means~~ grooves formed in the vertical flanges of the closure means.

5. (currently amended) [[A]] The tool stowage device according to claim 4, wherein said tongues ~~are of~~ have a width ~~enabling them~~ configured to receive inscriptions.

6. (currently amended) [[A]] The tool stowage device according to claim 4, wherein said container ~~presents further~~ comprises a female portion, ~~and the lid~~ said closure means presents a male portion, and said male portion ~~being designed is~~ configured to engage ~~in~~ with said female portion when the device is closed[[,]] and ~~to serve as means for blocking~~ block a sliding of the ~~lid~~ closure means relative to the container ~~while the device is being opened by sliding~~ to hold the closure means attached to the container in an open position.

7. (currently amended) [[A]] The tool stowage device according to claim 1, wherein said container comprises at least one closed face ~~is~~ provided with at least one orifice ~~in one of its closed faces~~.

8. (currently amended) [[A]] The tool stowage device according to claim 1, wherein said ~~lid~~ closure means is made of a transparent material.

9. (currently amended) [[A]] The tool stowage device according to claim 1, wherein said ~~lid~~ closure means is made of a plastics material.

10. (currently amended) [[A]] The tool stowage device according to claim 1, wherein said ~~lid~~ closure means is made of a semi-rigid material.

11. (currently amended) [[A]] The tool stowage device according to claim 1, wherein each of said vertical ~~portions~~ flanges of said ~~lid~~ closure means ~~presents~~ has a surface provided with a non-slip means ~~(6)~~ over at least a portion of ~~its~~ said surface.

12. (currently amended) A box provided with an opening/closure system, having at least one recess ~~serving~~ configured to receive a device according to claim 1.

13. (currently amended) [[A]] The box according to claim 12, wherein the ~~edges of~~ said container ~~are means for retaining~~ comprise at least two tongues configured to retain the container in said ~~recesses~~ at least one recess.

14. (currently amended) [[A]] The box according to claim 12, wherein said ~~edges~~ at least two tongues ~~present~~ comprise raising means for raising the container relative to the surface of said box.

15. (currently amended) [[A]] The box according to claim 12, wherein each of said vertical ~~portions~~ flanges of said ~~lid~~ closure means has a bottom portion that is circularly arcuate in shape.

16. (currently amended) [[A]] The box according to claim 12, wherein said bottom portions of said vertical ~~portions~~ flanges ~~are of~~ have a length less than or equal to ~~the~~ a depth of said container.

17. (currently amended) [[A]] The box according to claim 12, ~~wherein said box is~~ further comprising at least one face provided with at least one orifice ~~in one of its faces~~.

18. (new) A tool stowage device for stowing tools, comprising:

a container, configured to receive said tools, comprising an edge surrounding an open face and a tongue portion

extending laterally from the edge on at least two opposite sides of the open face; and

a lid complementary to said container, said lid configured to fasten to and close said container,

wherein said lid comprises a horizontal planar portion and two vertical flanges, a first of the two vertical flanges attached to a first side edge of the horizontal planar portion, and a second of the two vertical flanges attached to a second side edge of the horizontal planar portion opposite the first side edge,

wherein each of the vertical flanges comprise an upper portion above a junction with the horizontal planar portion and a lower portion beneath the junction with the horizontal planar portion, the lower portions of the vertical flanges configured to releasably engage with the tongue portions of the two opposite sides of the container, and

wherein the horizontal planar portion is plastically deformable and configured to co-operate with said at least two vertical flanges to bias the lower portions of the vertical flanges toward the tongue portions of the container and to plastically deform such that the lower portions release the tongue portions of the container in response to a force applied to the upper portions of the vertical flanges.

19. (new) The tool stowage device according to claim 4, wherein said grooves extend from a forward end of the vertical flanges to a rearward end of the vertical flanges.

20. (new) A box, comprising:

a support provided with at least one recess, each recess configured to receive a tool storage device,

wherein said tool storage device comprises:

a container, configured to receive said tools, comprising an edge surrounding an open face and a tongue portion extending laterally from the edge on at least two opposite sides of the open face; and

a lid complementary to said container, said lid configured to fasten to and close said container,

wherein said lid comprises a horizontal planar portion and two vertical flanges, a first of the two vertical flanges attached to a first side of the horizontal planar portion, and a second of the two vertical flanges attached to a second side of the horizontal planar portion opposite the first side,

wherein each of the vertical flanges comprise an upper portion above a junction with the horizontal planar portion and a lower portion beneath the junction with the horizontal planar portion, the lower portions of the vertical flanges configured to releasably engage with the tongue portions of the two opposite sides of the container, and

wherein the horizontal planar portion is plastically deformable and configured to co-operate with said at least two vertical flanges to bias the lower portions of the vertical flanges toward the tongue portions of the container and to plastically deform such that the lower portions release the tongue portions of the container in response to a force applied to the upper portions of the vertical flanges.

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